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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 44**

**Introduced by Senator Denham  
(Coauthor: Senator McPherson)**

~~(Coauthor: Assembly Member~~ *Coauthors: Assembly Members Laird,  
Maldonado, and Salinas)*

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An act to add Title 11.7 (commencing with Section 14180) of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to crime prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 44, as amended, Denham. Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program.

Existing law authorizes specified counties to develop Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Programs, as specified, to address the problems of agricultural and rural crime. Participation in these programs requires that counties create Central Valley Rural Crime Task Forces, and in order to receive funds, to agree to participate in a regional task force. Existing law places specified requirements on the task forces with respect to reporting rural crimes, collecting data, and staffing.

This bill would allow the Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and San Benito, until July 1, 2010, to develop Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Programs modeled on Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Programs, to be administered by the county sheriff's office in Monterey County and by the district attorney's office in each of the other 3 counties. It would ~~authorize state agencies to~~

~~consult with these programs for specified purposes, and would require participating counties to meet certain data collection requirements. The bill would provide that funding sources for the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Programs may include local government appropriations and private contributions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~—no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Title 11.7 (commencing with Section 14180) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

TITLE 11.7. CENTRAL COAST RURAL CRIME  
PREVENTION PROGRAM

~~14180. The Legislature finds and declares that it is appropriate to establish a Central Coast~~

14180. The Legislature encourages the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo to develop, adopt, and implement a Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program based upon the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program established by Title 11.5 (commencing with Section 14170) of Part 4.

14181. (a) The Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and San Benito may each develop within its respective jurisdiction a Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program, which shall be administered in San Benito County, Santa Barbara County, and San Luis Obispo County by the county district attorney's office under a joint powers agreement with the county sheriff's office, and in Monterey County by the county sheriff's office under a joint powers agreement with the county district attorney's office. Each joint powers agreement shall be entered into pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(b) The parties to each agreement shall form a regional task force that shall be known as the Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force, that includes the respective county office of the county agricultural commissioner, the county district attorney, the county sheriff, and interested property owner groups or associations. The

1 task force shall be an interactive team working together to develop  
2 crime prevention, problem solving, and crime control techniques,  
3 to encourage timely reporting of crimes, and to evaluate the results  
4 of these activities. The task force shall operate from a joint facility  
5 in order to facilitate investigative coordination. The task force  
6 shall also consult with experts from the United States military, ~~the~~  
7 ~~California Military Department, the Department of Justice,~~ other  
8 law enforcement entities, and various ~~other state and~~ private  
9 organizations as deemed necessary to maximize the effectiveness  
10 of this program. ~~State agencies are authorized to consult with these~~  
11 ~~four counties to maximize the effectiveness of this program.~~  
12 Media and community support shall be solicited to promote this  
13 program. Each of the designated counties shall adopt rules and  
14 regulations for the implementation and administration of this  
15 program.

16 (1) The Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force shall develop  
17 rural crime prevention programs containing a system for reporting  
18 rural crimes that enables the swift recovery of stolen goods and the  
19 apprehension of criminal suspects for prosecution. The task force  
20 shall develop computer software and use communication  
21 technology to implement the reporting system, although the task  
22 force is not limited to the use of these means to achieve the stated  
23 goals.

24 (2) The Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force shall develop a  
25 uniform procedure for all participating counties to collect, and  
26 each participating county shall collect, data on agricultural crimes.  
27 The task force shall also establish a central database for the  
28 collection and maintenance of data on agricultural crimes and  
29 designate one participating county to maintain the database.

30 (c) The staff for each program shall consist of the personnel  
31 designated by the district attorney and sheriff for each county in  
32 accordance with the joint powers agreement.

33 14182. Sources of funding for the program may include, but  
34 shall not be limited to, appropriations from local government and  
35 private contributions.

36 14183. This title shall become inoperative on July 1, 2010,  
37 and is repealed as of January 1, 2011, unless a later enacted statute

- 1 that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends those
- 2 dates.

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